

Listing Of Claims:

The Claims pending in this application prior to this Amendment are Claims 1 to 6, inclusive. Please amend the above captioned application as indicated.

- a. Cancel Claim 1-6, without prejudice.
- b. Add New Claims 7, as follows.

7. (Newly Added) In a grilling fork having an elongated shaft, a pistol grip handle on one end thereof, and a an array of tines on other end thereof, and a movable push-bar associated with said shaft, for displacement of food from said array of tines, wherein the improvement comprises:

(a) A hollow elongated shaft, having a proximal end and a distal end, and an interior channel, of a uniform diameter, extending over the length of said shaft from said proximal end to said distal end;

(b) An elongate rod having a cross-sectional dimension of less than said diameter of said interior channel of said hollow elongate shaft, and an overall length which permits said rod to freely move within said channel of said shaft, and to extend out from said proximal end of said and out from said distal end of said shaft,

(c) Displacement means operatively associated with one end of said rod, and extending out from said distal end of said shaft, for dislodging food from said array of tines on said end of said elongate shaft,

said displacement means including means for alignment of said displacement means relative to said array of tines, so as to maintain said displacement means in registration with said array of tine, upon relative movement thereof; and

(d) Spring loaded means, housed within said pistol grip handle, and operatively associated with end of said rod extending from said proximal end of said hollow shaft, for causing relative linear movement of said rod within said shaft, and thereby movement of said displacement means on said distal end of said rod, so to dislodge food on said array of tines,

said spring loaded means including a lever mechanically coupled to said rod and to a resilient spring, whereby application of pressure upon said lever causes forward movement of said lever, so as to both displace said rod within said shaft and extension of said spring, and release of pressure on said lever causes retraction of said rod and return of said spring to an unextended position.